

Senate Resolution 1121

By: Senator Bulloch of the 11th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Deputy Sheriff Steven Jones; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, since 1993, the citizens of Thomas County have been very fortunate to be  
3 served by one of Georgia's finest law enforcement officers, Deputy Sheriff Steven Jones of  
4 the Thomas County Sheriff's Department; and

5 WHEREAS, Deputy Jones is a graduate of Thomas College, where he received an Associate  
6 of Science degree in criminal justice and an Associate of Arts degree in business, and of  
7 Valdosta State University, where he received a bachelor of business administration degree  
8 in marketing; and

9 WHEREAS, during the course of his tenure with the Thomas County Sheriff's Department,  
10 Deputy Jones has served this South Georgia community with integrity and determination, and  
11 he has been especially devoted to promoting the safety and well-being of local young people  
12 through his involvement with D.A.R.E.; and

13 WHEREAS, D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is a world renowned program  
14 dedicated to giving children the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs, and  
15 violence through a police officer-led series of classroom lessons; and

16 WHEREAS, Deputy Jones has taught and graduated 14 D.A.R.E. elementary groups, helping  
17 the youth of Thomas County to reach their maximum potential by teaching them how to live  
18 productive, drug-free lives; and

19 WHEREAS, in his service to the community, Deputy Jones has also coordinated  
20 neighborhood watch groups, conducted alcohol and drug awareness programs for five years,  
21 earned accreditation as a child safety seat technician, and orchestrated a school safety plan  
22 for the Thomas County School System; and

1 WHEREAS, in recognition of his commitment to serving the citizens, especially the children,  
2 of his county and state, Deputy Jones has been named the 2005 D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
4 join to commend Deputy Sheriff Steven Jones on his many important contributions to law  
5 enforcement in Georgia and congratulate him on being named the 2005 D.A.R.E. Officer of  
6 the Year.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
8 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Deputy Sheriff Steven Jones.